Response to Grand Jury Report "Officer Involved Shootings of Aggressive Dogs"

Findings

San Diego County law enforcement agencies could improve the safety of their officers and minimize harm to dogs if they offered training and established policies and procedures for their officers on dealing with aggressive and dangerous dogs.

SDPD's Response: The San Diego Police Department agrees with the Grand Jury's finding.

San Diego County law enforcement agencies could improve their stature with the local community and improve their safety by providing education/information on the responsibilities of dog owners and how officers will deal with aggressive and dangerous dogs.

SDPD's Response: The San Diego Police Department agrees with the Grand Jury's finding.

Recommendation

15-11 The San Diego Police Department should educate and inform their communities on citizen's responsibilities and how officers plan to deal with aggressive and dangerous dogs.

SDPD's Response: The San Diego Police Department agrees with the Grand Jury's recommendation

The San Diego Police Department agrees that it is important for the community to know their responsibilities and to understand police policies on dealing with dogs.

The San Diego Police Department has created a one page document entitled, "A Guide to Securing your Dog in the Presence of Law Enforcement."

This document will be disseminated throughout the communities of the City of San Diego by San Diego police officers and through the San Diego Police Department Media Services Unit.